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SUBJECT: INTERNAL SECURITY: TWO BOMBINGS CAUSE ONLY PROPERTY DAMAGE

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- 1. TWO BOMBS EXPLODED IN SANTIAGO LATE APRIL 28 AND EARLY THE 29TH. NO ONE WAS INJURED BY A POWERFUL BLAST WHICH BLEW OUT WINDOWS IN THE SUPREME COURT BUILDING, NOR BY THE OTHER WHICH RATTLED A SUBURBAN RESIDENTIAL BLOCK IN A MIDDLE CLASS AREA. THE OFFICIAL GOC STATEMENT ATTRIBUTED THE INCIDENTS TO "TERRORISTS INTENT UPON DISTURBING THE PEACE AND SECURITY." THE ANNOUNCEMENT DID NOT MENTION THE SCARE CAUSED BY A CALLER WHO SAID A BOMB HAD BEEN SET IN THE SUBWAY SYSTEM.
- 2. THE EMBASSY SECURITY OFFICER LEARNED FROM INVESTIGATORS AT THE COURT BUILDING THAT THE DEVICE, ALTHOUGH SIMPLE, APPEARED TO BE MORE SOPHISTICATED THAN THE HANDFUL OF OTHER BOMBS PLACED HERE DURING THE LAST FEW YEARS. IT USED A PLASTIC EXPLOSIVE, THEY SAID. THE POLICE SAY THAT THE NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE DIRECTORATE (DINA) HAS TAKEN OVER THE INVESTIGATION AND FURTHER DETAILS WILL BE HARD TO COME BY.
- 3. COMMENT: SPECULATION ABOUT THE PERPETRATORS RANGES ACROSS CONFIDENTIAL

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THE PECTRUM, BUT WE HAVE NO FACTS. THE LAST KNOWN BOMBING INJURED THE MANAGER OF AREOLINIAS ARGENTINAS IN JULY, 1976 (REFTEL). POPPER

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